

Hughes previously worked at the police departments in Hulmeville, Newtown Township, Northampton, and Middletown before joining his hometown's police force in 1990.

Throughout his entire tenure in Bristol Township, Terry became a senior member of the department, leading detectives, running special investigations, and he was a driving force in public outreach.

Madam Speaker, I had the opportunity to personally work with Lieutenant Hughes on the Department of Justice's Weed and Seed program.

We thank our friend, Terry, for his years of public service and for protecting our community. Terry has law enforcement in his blood, and I have no doubt whatsoever that his service in protecting our community will carry on.

ST. MICHAEL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a faith community in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, that recently celebrated a very special milestone.

St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sellersville commemorates its 150th anniversary this year.

First commissioned in 1869, St. Michael's was to be a union church between Reformed and Lutheran Christians. Nearly 2,000 people attended one of St. Michael's consecration ceremonies.

The church is rich with tradition and history. Early sermons were spoken in German, and in 1904, the church became the first building in Sellersville to have electricity.

Today, the St. Michael's community is as active as ever, participating in community meals, working on community gardens, and providing food for Pennridge FISH and Keystone Opportunity Center, and offering numerous educational programs.

Madam Speaker, we congratulate the St. Michael's faith community on their 150th anniversary of such an amazing and special place.

I would also like to thank Pastor Julie Bergdahl for her pastoral care and leadership.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LANGEVIN) at noon.

PRAYER

Rabbi Bruce Lustig, Washington Hebrew Congregation, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, without whom life has no spiritual source, no divine meaning, purpose, or destiny, but with whom there is power for the present and hope for the future, refresh our faith that the strains of life may not break our spirits. Restore our confidence that our world is undergirded by eternal purpose.

Bless those who give service of heart to this great Nation. Give them strength to temper their judgments by the compassion of the human soul. Know that none are free until all are free, free from fear, want, bigotry, and callous hatred of the other. Let the courage of their convictions make America worthy of her past and blessed by her future.

Let not cynicism blight, nor faithlessness uproot our confidence to live as we pray, so that, unashamed, our leaders may transmit to generations to come an America better than ours.

Hear our prayer.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Puerto Rico (Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING RABBI BRUCE LUSTIG

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Rabbi Bruce Lustig, who just led us in this wonderful opening prayer.

Rabbi Lustig is senior rabbi of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, which is Washington, D.C.'s largest and oldest synagogue and where many of my constituents worship.

The son of a refugee from Nazi Germany, his mother, Hedy Lustig, Rabbi Lustig grew up in Nashville, Tennessee, where he was often the only Jewish child at school. The strong cultural identity instilled by his mother, and the emphasis his family placed on en-

gaging with his Christian friends and classmates, laid the foundation for his lifelong commitment to interfaith work, including his efforts to open dialogue and strengthen relationships among Jews, Christians, Muslims, and people of all faiths.

Ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Rabbi Lustig holds a doctorate of divinity and a master's degree in Hebrew letters. He earned his bachelor's with honors from the University of Tennessee.

In delivering today's opening prayer in the House, Rabbi Lustig continues a venerable and important tradition. Since the Washington Hebrew Congregation was created in 1862, every single one of its senior rabbis has delivered an opening prayer before the U.S. Congress. Rabbi Lustig now joins that esteemed group.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to welcome Rabbi Lustig to the House today, and I would like to extend my thanks for his excellent leadership in our community and for offering today's prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CELEBRATING HEAD START AND COMMEMORATING THE MEMORY OF DR. EDWARD ZIGLER

(Mr. LARSON of Connecticut asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Head Start program on its 54th anniversary and the 25th anniversary of Early Head Start.

I had the proud distinction of serving with Dr. Edward Zigler of Yale University, who passed away this past year. He was a leader in this and worked with every President from JOHN KENNEDY to Barack Obama.

He is generally regarded as the father of the Head Start program but also regarded for his longstanding work with children. In fact, it was Ed Zigler who said, "My politics are children," and then proceeded to dedicate a lifetime to creating remedies for childcare, which he labeled, in America, "a cosmic crashout."

So many young people today experience the dilemma of balancing their work with bringing up their children. But it was Ed Zigler's leadership that recognized we should utilize our schools. He promoted School of the 21st Century as a way for us to get our arms around the whole issue of having safe, affordable childcare.

I rise today to commemorate his memory and congratulate the Head Start program.

PASS A DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL BILL

(Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico. Mr. Speaker, I think it is urgent for Congress to approve the disaster supplemental bill.

Although I welcome the House version, I am still waiting on the Senate side to work a final solution.

The more that passage is delayed, the longer our communities will wait because just passing the appropriation is the beginning of a drawn-out process.

I know my constituents are still waiting for the \$600 million for the Nutritional Assistance Program that I have long been advocating. That will cover the gap in funding under the supplemental appropriations we made immediately after Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

As of last month, those residents who have not fully recovered are already seeing a decrease in benefits because we have not yet passed the disaster bill.

For example, 20 months later, of some \$42 billion allocated to Puerto Rico, just \$12 billion has been outlaid. That means that we have work to do, and this funding is still being reviewed with great scrutiny from FEMA, HUD, and OMB. That is the reason I do believe we should move across aisles to make this happen.

LEGISLATING ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, let me, too, add my appreciation and congratulations to Head Start, a very viable program, not only in my district, as I watched little children become empowered with education, but also around the Nation. I congratulate all of those who were engaged in its beginning, and I thank them for their brilliance and their leadership.

I rise today to say that we are troubled because the work of this body is to legislate on behalf of the people of the United States. We are, in fact, the people's House, and we have done our work. We have passed disaster funding.

Those of us who are, if you will, the remnants of various hurricanes in the 2017 season—in particular, those that impacted the East Coast, Puerto Rico, Houston, and the State of Texas—are waiting for disaster funding, which we have done.

We are waiting for the Violence Against Women Act to be passed. We are waiting for the universal background checks to be passed. We are waiting for protecting people against losing their preexisting condition coverage and, of course, lowering prescription drugs to pass. All that has been passed in this House.

We are waiting as we begin to debate the Equality Act that will have a blind eye to anyone's difference and be able to celebrate them and support them without discrimination.

Where is the other body? Why haven't they passed a bill in 3 months? Why can't we do the work for the American people?

It is time to get the job done.

HONORING OFFICERS DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this is National Police Week, highlighted by Peace Officers Memorial Day, which President John F. Kennedy designated, in 1962, as May 15.

Law enforcement officers and their families selflessly serve our communities across the country. Americans appreciate honoring officers, their families, and fallen heroes on Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Law enforcement personnel are national heroes. We are grateful for their sacrifices made to serve and protect our country on a daily basis.

We also provide our deepest support and gratitude to those who have been injured or lost their lives in the line of duty and to their families. Grateful citizens across the country will take time to thank a police officer this week.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

STOP PRICE-FIXING ON GENERIC DRUGS

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, last week, 44 attorneys general filed a lawsuit in Federal court against 20 generic drugmakers, alleging market manipulation and price-fixing.

The American people's tax dollars are invested in unprofitable basic research that is essential to bringing highly profitable drugs to market. The United States Government is also a huge purchaser of these generic drugs.

In some cases, it is alleged that one company sets the price of a drug and the others follow, without the cost-cutting influence of competition. All of this resulted in billions of dollars in harm to patients and the U.S. economy.

Congress must stop this price-fixing scheme and will vote this week to approve legislation to end this price-fixing and market manipulation perpetuated by these generic drugmakers.

ENACT THE JAKE LAIRD ACT OF 2019

(Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, as we recognize National Police Week, let's provide our law enforcement every tool possible to prevent senseless acts of gun violence from harming or claiming the lives of innocent people, including our law enforcement officers.

That is why, today, I am reintroducing a gun violence reduction bill, categorized as a red-flag bill, with my colleague TED DEUTCH, who represents Parkland, Florida, and our colleagues from Michigan, FRED UPTON and DEBBIE DINGELL.

Our bill, the Jake Laird Act of 2019, is named after an IMPD officer who paid the ultimate sacrifice serving and protecting his community of Indianapolis, Officer Jake Laird.

Our bill provides grants to States to enact laws substantially similar to Indiana's red-flag law because we know that, since 2005, this Hoosier common-sense bill has been working.

Specifically, the Jake Laird Act will enable law enforcement to remove and retain firearms from individuals who are determined to be a danger to themselves or others, while ensuring due process under the law.

According to a USA Today article recently published, more than 30 States across the country are either considering similar measures or have passed red-flag laws.

It is past time for our Nation to adopt laws like Indiana's red-flag law that will keep our law enforcement and citizens safer.

WE DO NOT ALLOW DISCRIMINATION

(Ms. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to tell you about Gwyn Ciesla of Aurora, Illinois. Gwyn is a wife, a mother of two, and an IT professional with two decades of experience. She is also a transgender woman.

Gwyn transitioned about 2 years ago. Shortly afterward, she began interviewing for jobs to advance her career.

Gwyn was met with hesitation from potential employers. On multiple occasions, recruiters were suddenly uninterested in Gwyn after they conducted in-person interviews—no follow-up, no phone calls or emails, just complete silence.

This is a horrifying reality for many people in the trans community like Gwyn. A 2016 report by the National Center for Transgender Equality found roughly 30 percent of trans people have been denied a job or a promotion, or were fired, because of their gender identity.

This kind of discrimination is not only hurtful and illegal, but it hurts our economy, which is why groups like the Chamber of Commerce and over 200